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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT:BELT TIGHTENING

REF: COPENHAGEN 353

1. I AM SORRY TO BE LATE IN REPLYING TO REFTEL ON BELT TIGHTENING AND CAN ASSURE YOU DELAY IS NOT RELATED TO ANY RESERVE ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF YOUR PROPOSED MOVES TO REDUCE STAFF. GRADUAL PHASE-DOWN AS PRIORITIES PERMIT BY NOT REPLACING INCUMBENTS APPEARS WHOLLY SUITABLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. IN APPROACHING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS, YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY CIRCULAR AIRGRAM 4171 OF JUNE 17, 1975, SENT TO ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION. OUTLINED THEREIN ARE PROCEDURES FOR AMBASSADORS TO REVIEW STAFFING,
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TO CONSULT WITH SENIOR IN-COUNTRY AGENCY REPS AND TO

RECOMMEND ACTION FOR WASHINGTON. IF THE CASE IS PERSUASIVE, WE EXPECT TO CARRY THE DAY WITH MOST AGENCIES HERE--AIDED BY CURRENT BUDGET PRESSURES ON THEM TO REDUCE AND REPROGRAM. RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD FOLLOW OUTLINE IN ATTACHMENT A OF A-4171 AND BE FORWARDED BY LIMDIS TELEGRAM. WE WILL MAKE MESSAGES AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED TO CONCERNED AGENCIES HERE.

3. ON JUNIOR OFFICER COMMERCIAL POSITION NOTED PARA 2 REFTTEL, I UNDERSTAND EUR/EX INFORMED PER LAST MONTH THAT ASSIGNMENT HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND OFFICER SUBSEQUENTLY REASSIGNED TO EB.

3. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS ESSENTIAL, IF UNCOMFORTABLE, BELT TIGHTENING EXERCISE. INGERSOLL

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